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Application Number	09/451,619
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First Named Inventor	Seiichi Mori
Art Unit/Confirmation No.	2814/9292
Examiner Name	Hoard Weiss
Attorney Docket Number	81788.0025

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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In re application of:

Seiichi Mori

Serial No: 09/451,619

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MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate is enclosed.

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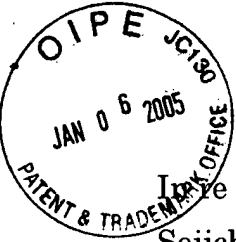
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment and request for continued examination are filed in response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2004. The time for response to the outstanding final Office Action was previously extended one month by a petition dated November 2, 2004. Enclosed is a further petition extending the period for response to January 3, 2005, the first business day following Sunday January 2, 2005. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.